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WFA ORDER LIMITS USE OF
23 FRUITS AND BERRIES
FOR ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 -- Effective this week, amendments to War Food Order No. 69 of the War Food Administration withdrew elderberries and cantaloupes from a list of 25 fruits and berries which may not be used in the manufacture, for sale, of wines and similar alcoholic products; unless they cannot be marketed as food.

The amended order also revised procedures by which growers, processors and others may request WFA permission to sell the restricted fruits to wineries and distilleries when no other marketing is possible.

The producer who owns fresh fruits or berries grows by himself may appeal from restrictions to his county AAA committee. He will not, as formerly, go to the county USDA War Board.

Processors, shippers and all others who have acquired fruit from producers, and hold it in fresh, dried, juiced or processed form, must obtain authority to sell to wineries and distilleries from "authorization officers" of the WFA Office of Distribution. The same procedure is required for wineries desiring to use restricted fruits.

Buell F. Maben, western regional director of food distribution, said today that field representatives of the Office of Distribution have been designated as authorization officers in all major fruit producing and processing areas.

The 23 fruits and berries now on the restricted list are: apples, apricots, cherries, currants, Concord grapes, dates, peaches, pears, pineapples, plums, prunes, blackberries, blueberries, Boysenberries, dewberries, gooseberries, huckleberries, Johnsonberries, Loganberries, Olympic berries, raspberries, Youngberries, and strawberries.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 -- Intensified enforcement of War Food

Administration food orders was forecast today by Buell F. Maben, western regional director of food distribution, in citing forthcoming prosecution of a Texas paint manufacturing company alleged to have violated a WFA order governing use of fats and oils.

Maben said criminal charges were filed yesterday against the Collins-Davoust Company of Dallas, Texas, for reportedly exceeding its 1943 quota of oils for paint manufacture by 142,454 pounds.

Government attorneys charged the company with wilful disregard of Food Distribution Order No. 42, which controls the use and distribution of fats and oils in order to conserve them for the most essential military and civilian needs.

Maben said the Collins-Davoust case will be heard in the U. S. District Court at Dallas under the second War Powers Act. Maximum penalty upon conviction would be one year imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both.

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SPINACH PRICE -- WFA today announced the support price on spinach for canning in California at \$22.50 a ton uncut in the field. Prices in other western spinach producing states is expected to be locally announced soon by state agricultural conservation committees.

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